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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 13, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant provisionally elects Group I (claims 1-18), with traverse.

The Examiner has restricted claims 1-26 into two groups. Applicant submits that the claims in Groups I and II are so interrelated that a search of one group of claims will reveal art to the other. For example, claims 1-18 each recite a three-dimensional textured article and claims 19-26 recite a method of making a three-dimensional textured article. Were restriction to be effected between the claims in Groups I and II, a separate examination of the claims in each of groups would require substantial duplication of work on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Clearly, this duplication of effort is not warranted. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirements be reconsidered.

Applicants submit that the present response is complete and complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 121. An early and favorable consideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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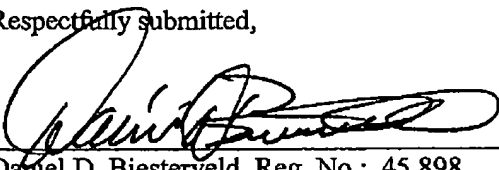
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Respectfully submitted,

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